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COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

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(Date)







May 12, 2017

To: Staff of the House Committee on Agriculture and Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry

GROWMARK cooperative and the market education and promotion boards for Illinois Corn and Soybean have joined together to offer an education program for congressional staff. The educational program in Illinois will provide firsthand experience of Illinois agriculture and current issues will be addressed. We are sharing the agenda with the Ethics Committee and any final attendance approval will be part of the normal Ethics Committee travel review process.

We invite you to participate in the Illinois Agriculture Congressional Staff Tour to be held August 8-10, 2017. Our tour will include educational points of interest in southern Illinois, though the issues faced by these farms and ag businesses are common statewide. We anticipate focusing on issues relating to seed technology and trait development, livestock production, infrastructure and trade, and renewable fuels. Participants will have time on several farms to learn firsthand about issues from a farm family's perspective.

Participants can be our guest or we can provide the cost per individual for the event. We will need a minimum number of participants for the program to continue. This program is designed to expand the working knowledge of congressional staff.

Please respond by June 16 to secure participation. Forms are due to the Ethics committee by July 7. If you have questions about any portion of the event, contact Chuck Spencer at cspencer@growmark.com or by phone at 309-826-3143.

Sincerely,

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